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1. From August 1945 until mid-March 1950 the seven steel bridges over the Tumen River between North Korea and Manchuria were closed to the public. Except for government-controlled trade and official personnel, only holders of special border crossing certificates were allowed to pass over the bridges. Ordinary passenger train traffic was resumed in October 1949, but other traffic was not permitted.
2. With the reopening of the bridges in mid-March, all that is required for crossing the border is a certificate of North Korean citizenship or one of Manchurian citizenship. Although travel is now unrestricted, the border villages still suffer from the economic difficulties caused by the blockade.

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